# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** ☐ Office of Planning and Research (OPR)
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☒ County Clerk
County of Los Angeles,
12400 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, CA 90650

**FROM:**
Lead Agency: City of Whittier-Public Works Department
Address: 13230 Penn Street
Whittier, CA 90622-1772
Contact Person: Riad Elmal
Civil Engineering Assistant
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**Project Title:** 25-034 – Anaconda park security fence

**Project Location-Specific:**
North lot adjacent to Anaconda park between Ben Hur Ave, Hornby Ave., and Whittier Blvd, and abutting the two adjacent lots on Whittier Blvd in the City of Whittier, Los Angeles County, California. (Latitude 33° 95' 13.00" N, Longitude -118° 01' 35.45" W).

**Project Location-City:** Whittier **Project Location-County:** Los Angeles

**Project Description:** The project will include removal of existing screen wall, pavement, fence, and planting material, construction of new screen wall and fence, and rough grading of existing vacant lot.

The disturbed project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species. Ben Hur Ave is not designated scenic highways adjacent to the project site. The project site is not listed on Geotracker as having an active clean-up site assessment pursuant to lists identified under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. The project site does not impact historical resources.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Whittier, Public Works Department

**Name of Person/Agency Carrying Out Project:** City of Whittier, 13230 Penn Street, Whittier, CA 90622

**Exempt Status:** ***(Check one)***

☐ Ministerial *(Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)*
☒ Categorical Exemption (15304(b))
☐ Statutory Exemption ( )
☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (*Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269 (b)(c)*)
☐ Other: _____

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The proposed project was reviewed for potential exemptions and was found to satisfy the standards of Class 4 as specified within Article 19 Categorical Exemptions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. Examples include, but are not limited to: (b) New gardening or landscaping, including the replacement of existing conventional landscaping with water efficient or fire resistant landscaping.

The City has found that the proposal consists of Minor Alterations to Land. No mature trees will be removed as part of the project.

The application meets the standards for Section 15304(b) in that the construction will consist of new landscaping, and will involve minimal land alteration in an area that is already developed and the soil is disturbed. The project site is located on City property. The project site is not environmentally sensitive, and it will not result in significant effects to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality with the construction of the new facilitie. No significant adverse effects were identified during the evaluation process.

Therefore, the City of Whittier has determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and a Notice of Exemption will be filed pursuant to Section 15062 of the CEQA Guidelines.

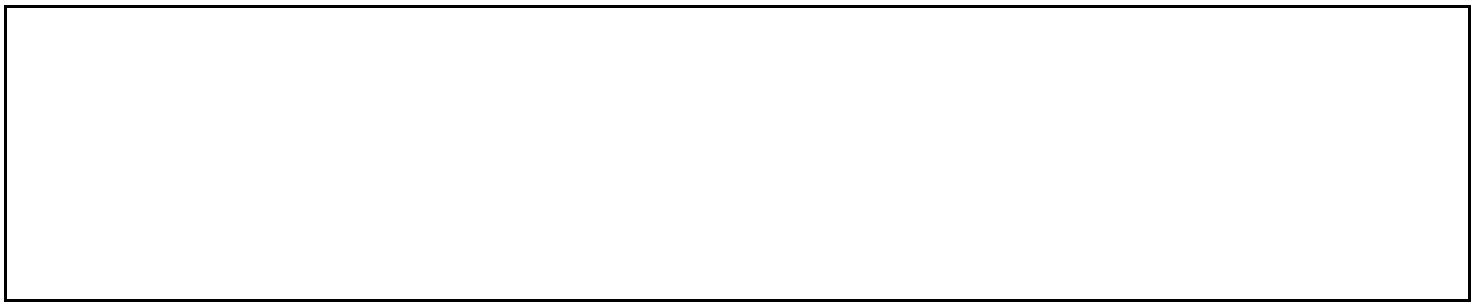
Jim Homet — *City Contact Person*

(562) 567-9500 — *Phone Number*

Assistant City Engineer
Title

**Signature**

8/12/2026

**Date**

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